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SUBJECT: ECE - AD HOC MEETING ON ENERGY ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY

REF: (A) STATE 54539, (B) STATE 54540

1. SUMMARY: AD HOC MEETING OF EXPERTS ON ENERGY ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY IN THE ECE REGION, CONVENED PURSUANT TO COMMISSION DECISION F (XXX), MET GENEVA 8-10 MARCH 1976, PURPOSE WAS TO EXAMINE THE REVISED AND UPDATED STUDY PREPARED BY THE ECE SECRETARIAT (E/ECE/883/REV. 1).

GENERAL CONSENSUS OF MEETING WAS THAT IN PRINCIPLE ECE SHOULD INTENSIFY ITS WORK WITH RESPECT TO EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON ENERGY CONSERVATION POLICIES, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTED STUDIES ON ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. FURTHER, IN VIEW OF WORK UNDERWAY OR PLANNED ON ENERGY CONSERVATION IN OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, THE COMMISSION SHOULD REQUEST THE SECRETARIAT AND PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES TO INSURE THAT IN

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CARRYING OUT WORK ON THIS PROGRAM UNNECESSARY DUPLI-

CATION IS AVOIDED. THE SESSION PROCEEDED THROUGHOUT THE THREE DAYS IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION WITH SUPPORT EXPRESSED BY BOTH EASTERN AND WESTERN DELEGATIONS FOR THESE RECOMENDATIONS. THE USSR, IN THE ABSENCE OF ITS TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES, RESERVED THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS ITS VIEWS AT A LATER SESSION. END SUMMARY.

2. REPRESENTATIVES OF BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CANADA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPLUBLIC, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, NORWAY, GREECE, HUNGARY, ITALY, POLAND, ROMANIA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY, USSR, UK, UNITED STATES AND YUGOSLAVIA PARTICIPATED IN ECE AD HOC MEETING OF EXPERTS ON ENERGY ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY MARCH 8-10. INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA), UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP), EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EEC), AND WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE WERE ALSO REPRESENTED. GYORGY VAJDA, DIRECTOR, HUNGARIAN INSTITUTE FOR ELECTRIC POWER, CHAIRED MEETING.

3. GENERAL DISCUSSION

A. A GENERAL DISCUSSION ENSUED IN WHICH EXPERTS EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR AND GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH OPENING STATEMENT MADE BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK (TEXT TRANSMITTEDBY AIRGRAM). DELEGATIONS COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON DOCUMENT E/ECE/883/REV. 1, WHICH THEY QUALIFIED AS AN EXCELLENT AND THOROUGH PIECE OF PROFESSIONAL WORK.

B. DURING DISCUSSION, DELEGATIONS HIGHLIGHTED THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF ENERGY CONSERVATION FOR NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND ENERGY POLICIES. REPORTIG ON RECENT GOVERNMENT DECISIONS TAKEN IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, DELGATIONS STRESSED DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY CONSERVATION POLICIES. AS MAJOR OBSTACLES, THEY MENTIONED COMPETING OBJECTIVES, COSTS AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS, AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, INSTITUTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL BARRIERS. IT WAS GENERALLY FELT THAT INTENSIFIED COOPERATION WITHIN ECE WOULD ENHANCE NATIONAL ENERGY UNCLASSIFIED

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POLICIES, PARTICULARLY IF DUPLICATION OF WORK WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WORKING IN THE SAME FIELD WERE AVOIDED. PREVAILING OPINION WAS THAT ECE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS ON MAJOR SELECTED TOPICS, THEREBY DRAWING MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM ITS RAMIFIED STRUCTURE AND FROM AD HOC MEETINGS AND SEMINARS. DELEGATIONS CONCURRED IN ANTICIPATING SUBSTANTIAL MUTUAL BENEFITS, IN PARTICULAR, FROM AN

INTENSIFIED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

C. THE MEETING MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) THAT THE COMMISSION INCLUDE IN ITS PROJECT ON GENERAL ENERGY PROBLEMS A WORK AREA ON PROBLEMS OF ENERGY ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY, TO BE IMPLEMENTED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF APPROPRIATE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND AD HOC MEETINGS AND SEMINARS AS NECESSARY. THIS WORK AREA MIGHT COMPRISE:

(A) PERIODIC EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON MEASURES ADOPTED OR ENVISAGED TO ACHIEVE GREATER ENERGY ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY AND ON THE RESULTS OF THESE MEASURES;

(B) PERIODIC REVIEWS OF WORK DONE OR PLANNED IN THE ECE FRAMEWORK RELATING TO ENERGY ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY;

(C) CONSIDERATION OF RELEVANT ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

(2) THAT THE COMMISSION CONVENEN AD HOC MEETINGS AND SEMINARS PREPARED AS APPROPRIATE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES ON HIGH-PRIORITY TOPICS SUCH AS:

(A) COMBINED PRODUCTION OF ELECTRIC POWER AND HEAT AND THE INTEGRATION OF ENERGY SYSTEMS OF LARGE ENERGY CONSUMERS INTO BROADER COMBINED ELECTRIC POWER AND HEAT SYSTEMS, INCLUDING REGIONAL AND DISTRICT HEATING SYSTEMS AND THE USE OF WASTE HEAT AND GASES FROM POWER STATIONS AND LARGE INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES (A SEMINAR UNCLASSIFIED

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MIGHT BE HELD IN 1978);

(B) CONSERVATION ASPECTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF NEW TECHNIQUES FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF PRIMARY ENERGY SUCH AS COAL GASIFICATION AND LIQUEFACTION (A SEMINAR MIGHT BE HELD IN 1979);

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(C) TECHNIQUES AND RESULTS OF "PUBLIC AWARENESS"
AND "PUBLIC ACTION" PROGRAMS;

(D) RECYCLING OF ENERGY-INTENSIVE INDUSTRIAL
WASTES AND BY-PRODUCTS AS WELL AS THE USE OF MUNICIPAL
WASTES FOR ENERGY PRODUCTION;

(E) IMPROVED TECHNIQUES FOR EXTRACTION AND PROCESSING
OF PRIMARY FORMS OF ENERGY;

(F) IMPROVED INSULATION OF HOUSES AND BUILDINGS (THIS
TOPIC WILL BE INCLUDED IN AN ECE SEMINAR TO BE HELD
IN CANADA IN 1977).

(3) THAT THE COMMISSION ALSO REQUESTS APPROPRIATE
PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES TO CONTINUE TO GIVE SPECIAL
ATTENTION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING IN THEIR
WORK PROGRAMS OR OF INTENSIFYING THEIR WORK ON PROJECTS
RELATING TO INCREASED ENERGY ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY
AND TO INITIATE AND CARRY OUT COOPERATIVE STUDIES ON
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SPECIFIC TOPICS SELECTED BY THEM, SUCH AS:

(A) INCORPORATION INTO NATIONAL PLANS AND PROGRAMS

FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE OBJECTIVE OF LOWERING ENERGY CONSUMPTION RATES AND INCREASING ENERGY EFFICIENCY (SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS TO ECE GOVERNMENTS).

(B) POSSIBILITIES, METHODS, AND RELATED PROBLEMS OF INCREASING ENERGY PRODUCTIVITY IN SELECTED ECONOMIC BRANCHES. (COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE PROBLEMS, CHEMICALS, :9-) ELECTRIC POWER, GAS, INLAND TRANSPORT, STEEL, AND TIMBER).

(C) LONG-TERM ENERGY CONSUMPTION PERSPECTIVES AND SCENARIOS IN THE LIGHT OF ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS. (SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS TO ECE GOVERNMENTS).

(D) THE USE OF ECONOMETRIC MODELS, INPUT-OUTPUT AND COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS FOR ASSESSING THE POTENTIAL OF ENERGY CONSERVATION AND FOR OPTIMISING CONSERVATION PROGRAMS.

(E) ELABORATION OF INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE CONCEPTS, DEFINITIONS AND STATISTICS ON ENERGY CONSERVATION. (CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS).

(F) APPLICATION OF THE HEAT PUMP. (COMMITTEE ON ELECTRIC POWER)

(G) REGULATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH A VIEW TO ENERGY SAVINGS, INCLUDING DIESELIZATION, SIZE AND FUEL CONSUMPTION LIMITS, ETC. (INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE).

(H) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES. (SENIOR ADVISERS TO ECE GOVERNMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS)

(4) THAT THE COMMISSION INVITE GOVERNMENTS TO TRANSMIT TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR DISTRIBUTION, PRIOR TO THE THIRTY-SECOND SESSION (1977), NATIONAL STUDIES ANALYZING THE PROGRESS
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MADE IN THEIR COUNTRIES TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GREATER ENERGY ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY.

(5) THAT THE COMMISSION BEARING IN MIND THAT WORK IS UNDER WAY OR PLANNED ON ENERGY CONSERVATION IN OTHER INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, ASK THE SECRETARIAT AND THE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES TO ENSURE THAT IN CARRYING OUT WORK ON THIS PROBLEM UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION BE AVOIDED.

4. THE U.S. DELEGATE, DR. LARRY STEWART (ERDA)
REITERATED THE U.S. POSITION THAT ITS FIRST PRIORITY
IN CARRYING OUT COOPERATIVE R AND D
ACTIVITIES WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE IEA.
FURTHER, U.S. DEEP CONCERN REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACTS ON ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES WAS EXPRESSED.
THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ALSO REVIEWED SELECTED CON-
SERVATION PROGRAMS THAT ARE CONTAINED IN ERDA 48 VOL. II
TO SUPPORT THE LIST OF POSSIBLE ACCEPTABLE PROJECTS
CONTAINED IN STATE 54539. CONCLUDING REMARKS BY THE
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE REFERRED TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE (CSCE) IN THE FIELD OF
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT AND FURTHER SUPPORTED THE AMERICAN
POSITION ON THIS MATTER. DALE

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